

**Approved**  
**Candia Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 3, 2009**

**Attendees:** Chairman Ann Tierno, Carla Penfield, Kim Byrd Allyn Chivers, Erin Asselin, Craig Sandler, Selectmen's Rep. Carleton Robie, School Rep. Ingrid Byrd (Alternate)

**Absent:** Judith Szot, School Rep. Melissa Madden

**Chairman Ann Tierno called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.**

**Department Budget Reviews**

- Increase in the Budget Committee's Budget was due to the change in withholdings for the BC secretary. The secretary will no longer be compensated on a contract basis but rather on an employee basis.
- BC Seminar line was added by Chairman Tierno for coverage for new members.
- Fire Department report submitted regarding statistics of calls and response to questions that were submitted by the BC. (Attached)
- The Committee separated into two groups and discussed specific departmental Budgets.
- Group A discussed Animal Control, Budget Committee, Police Department, Solid Waste, Town Building Expenses, Cemetery, and Conservation.
- Group B discussed Welfare, Direct Assistance, and Highway Department.
- Each group informed the members of the proposed changes they made for each department and adjusted the line item on the Town Budget. The proposed changes were as follows:

Animal Control  
Wages reduced \$72.00  
Seminars & Training reduced to \$1.00  
ACO Gasoline reduced to \$700.00

Adjusted SS to \$423.00

Budget Committee

Printing reduced to \$1.00

Seminars reduced to \$1.00

Building Inspection

Building Inspector Wages (no increase)

Building Insp. Secretary Wages (no increase)

Cemetery

Facility Improvement Maintenance reduced to \$2,500.00

Conservation

No changes

Direct Assistance

Reduced to \$50,000.00

Election/ Voter Registration

No changes

Election Administration

No changes

Emergency Management

No changes

Fire & Forestry

Protective Clothing reduced to \$10,500.00

Telephone reduced to \$1,500.00

Web site reduced to \$1.00 (recommended to move to Town Host Web site)

Communication Maintenance reduced to \$1,000.00

Fire Equipment Maintenance reduced to \$5,000.00 (7 – 1 opposed to reducing line item. Changed line back to \$7,000)

Building Maintenance reduced to \$8,000.00

Fire Department Supplies reduced to \$1,500.00

Office Supplies reduced to \$500.00

Postage reduced to \$250.00

Truck Maintenance (level fund)

EMS Equipment reduced to \$4,000.00

Fire Equipment reduced to \$6,000.00

Fire Prevention reduced to \$1,500.00

- Selectmen Robie strongly recommended the Board leave the Fire Department budget alone and let the new Chief decide what he needs.

- More discussion requested on Water Supply, Truck Fuel and Medical Evaluations.
- The Committee voted if the meeting were going past 10:00 pm would they be willing to stay. There was a motion that all stay until the Fire Department was completed. The vote was 7 – 1 in favor of staying until completion of the Fire Department discussion.
- After lengthy discussion regarding the Water Supply line, Chairman Tierno entertained a formal motion. 5 – 2 voted to fund the line at \$3,000.00 1 abstention.
- Following discussion regarding Truck Fuel the recommendation was \$4,000.00.
- Medical Evaluation was discussed, and the recommendation was to leave the line at \$2,400.00.
- Selectmen Robie feels the cuts the Budget Committee are asking the Fire Department to make at this time are more severe than they need to be with the direction the Selectmen have asked the new Fire Chief to take the department.

**Motion to adjourn at 10:00. All were in favor**

**Recorded by Mary Phillips**